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LOK SABHA

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LOSSES DUE TO WASTAGE OF PETROL AND DIESEL
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Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have assessed annual losses due to wastage of petrol and diesel;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether any survey has been conducted in this regard;

(d) if so, the findings thereof; and

(e) the steps being taken by the Government to check the wastage of petrol and diesel ?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM & NATURAL GAS (SHRI SANTOSH KUMAR GANGWAR)

(a) to (d) : An Inter Ministerial Working Group (IMWG) headed by Dr. Madhav Godbole, the then Secretary, Ministry of Petroleum and Natural Gas was set up in the year 1990 to restrain the growth in the import bill of Crude Oil and Petroleum Products.The Group had assessed a potential of Oil Conservation in all Sectors to be of the order of 20-30% of the total consumption of Petroleum products in the country, including the consumption of Petrol and Diesel.

(e) : The following steps have been taken to check the wastage of petrol and diesel :-

(i) Regular activities including driver training programmes, model depot projects, emission check and mass awareness programmes and promotion of high performance lube oil etc., are undertaken by Petroleum Conservation Research Association (PCRA) in the Transport Sector for curbing the wastage of Petrol and Diesel.

(ii) Soft loan schemes for replacement of inefficient heavy vehicle engines with efficient ones and for purchase of instruments & maintenance equipment for upgrading transport garages were instituted.

(iii) Research & Development projects were undertaken with a view to improving the efficiency of fuel consumption in the transport sector.

(iv) Extensive campaigns such as Mass Awareness and Oil Conservation Fortnight (OCF) were undertaken throughout the country.